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**PATENT**

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In re application of: James W. Forbes

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Group No.: 3617

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For: DROPPED DECK CENTER BEAM RAILROAD CAR

**Mail Stop Petition**

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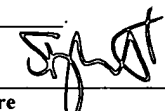
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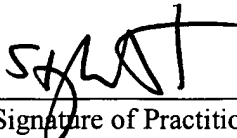
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